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ACTION ADDRESSEES PLEASE PASS TO CODELS

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: OREP (BIDEN, JOSEPH AND EILBERG, JOSHUA), CZ
SUBJECT: CODELS BIDEN AND EILBERG: PRAGUE VISIT

1. EMBASSY IS AWAITING WORD FROM CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTRY
ON WHAT BRIEFINGS AND/OR HOSPITALITY GOC WILL PROVIDE CODELS.
IN VIEW OF SENSITIVITY OF REGIME TOWARD CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN
CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND GENERALLY POOR STATE OF US-CSSR RELATIONS,
DECISION ON THIS WILL BE MADE AT HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL WITH
CONSEQUENT DELAY. AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NO BASIS EVEN TO GUESS
HOW FORTHCOMING GOC WILL BE. FINAL SCHEDULE MAY ONLY BE AVAILABLE
SHORTLY BEFORE CODEL ARRIVALS.

2. WHILE WE EXPECT GOC OFFICIALS TO GREET CODEL EILBERG AT
AIRPORT, WE HAVE RESERVED ALL OF TUESDAY, AUG. 16 FOR CODEL/EMBASSY
MEETINGS. WE ARE PREPARED, ACCORDING TO CODEL PREFERENCES, TO
HOLD CLASSIFIED BRIEFINGS IN EMBASSY EITHER IMMEDIATELY AFTER
CODEL EILBERG ARRIVAL (STARTING ABOUT 12 NOON) OR AFTER
LUNCH (STARTING ABOUT 2 P.M.) AND CONTINUING AS LONG AS CODELS
WISH. PLEASE ADVISE WHICH OPTION PREFERRED. CONFERENCE ROOM
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CAN HANDLE UP TO 16 MEMBERS OF CODELS.

3. CHARGE INVITES ALL MEMBERS OF CODELS AND AIRCREW TO RECEPTION
AT HIS RESIDENCE AUG. 16, 6-8 P.M. OTHER INVITEES WILL BE SMALL
NUMBER OF DIPLOMATS, GOC OFFICIALS AND SOME NON-OFFICIALS.
SINCE GOC CLOSELY CONTROLS ATTENDANCE AT EMBASSY FUNCTIONS BY
CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS, ALL WHO ATTEND WILL WEAR

PARTY SEAL OF APPROVAL.

4. WE ASSUME THAT AT LEAST PART OF AUGUST 17 WILL BE DEVOTED TO GOC BRIEFINGS. ANY FREE TIME WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH EMBOFFS.

5. AT THIS POINT WE SUGGEST PLANS FOR AUGUST 18 BE FOCUSED, AT LEAST IN PART, ON ACQUAINTING CODEL MEMBERS WITH PARTS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA OUTSIDE OF PRAGUE (CODEL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SPECIAL INTERESTS WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH EMBOFFS). THIS COULD INCLUDE FAIRLY SHORT TRIPS TO HISTORIC CASTLES NEAR PRAGUE OR FULL DAY TRIP TO KARLOVY VARY (CARSILBAD), A WELL KNOWN SPA, WHICH WOULD GIVE PICTURE OF FAMED COUNTRYSIDE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF TENTATIVE PREFERENCES OF CODEL. CAVEAT IS THAT GOC MAY DECIDE TO LAY ON ITS OWN SIGHTSEEING PROGRAM.

6. WE WILL SEND MORE DETAILED SCHEDULE BY AUGUST 12.
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